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## P R E F A C E.

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THIS tiny publication is a first and, if unsuccessful, a last attempt ; from criticism I intend to learn either to improve or to cease.

Some of the opinions herein expressed may require an apology ; in lieu of writing one I will avail myself of a quotation :—

“ Either the voice of Nature lies,  
And science is a mere delusion,  
Or Faith o'er facts would tyrannize,  
Choose !—which is real ?—which illusion ?

For 'yond the veil *none* ever peered ;  
Who sits enthroned there, *none* can prove ;  
But not—a Being to be feared !  
Whoever rules—His name is **LOVE!**”

(“ *Dogma, Doubt, and Duty,*” by Chas. Hoare).

A few of the shorter pieces are early compositions ; others were written recently to form part of this booklet : some may fail to afford pleasure ; some may succeed.

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" From the death of the old the new proceeds,  
And the life of truth from the rot of creeds."—*J. G. Whittier.*

" The fear o' hell 's a hangman's whip  
To haud the wretch in order ;  
But where you feel your *honour* grip,  
Let that aye be your border."—*Burns.*

" There lives more faith in honest doubt,  
Believe me, than in half the creeds."—*Tennyson.*

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